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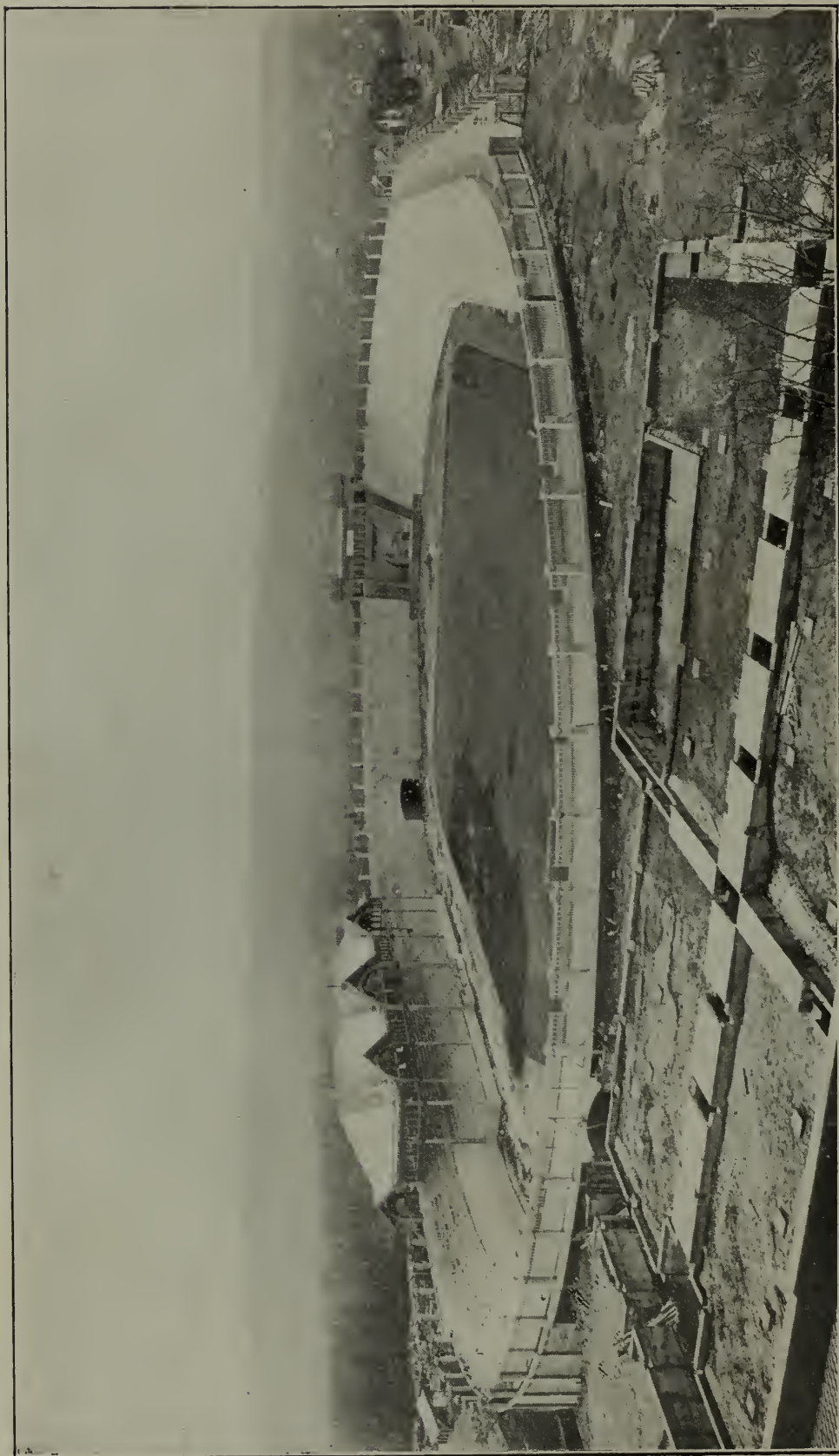
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SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY'S NEW MILLION DOLLAR STADIUM.  
Foundation of New Gymnasium in Foreground.



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## Contributions.

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### Official Notice of the Fifth Conclave of the Grand Chapter.

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Whereas the Constitution of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity empowers the Charter Committee to set a time and place for the Conclave of the Fraternity, and

Whereas the Charter Committee has decided upon the Great Northern Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, as the place, and Monday, April 20th, as the date for the opening session of the Fifth Conclave of the Grand Chapter of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity,

*Therefore be it ordained,* That the said Conclave meet on the said date, and continue from day to day, until all business which comes regularly before it has been disposed of.

N. R. COONEY,  
S. K. PHILLIPS,  
W. L. PHILLIPS,  
Charter Committee.

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### That We May Know Each Other Better.

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Just as education, and, through it, an intelligent appreciation of and sympathy with the needs of the different classes of population, is essential to the integrity of a democracy, so a mutual knowledge of and sympathy with the conditions at the various chapters is essential to the permanent life and greatest usefulness

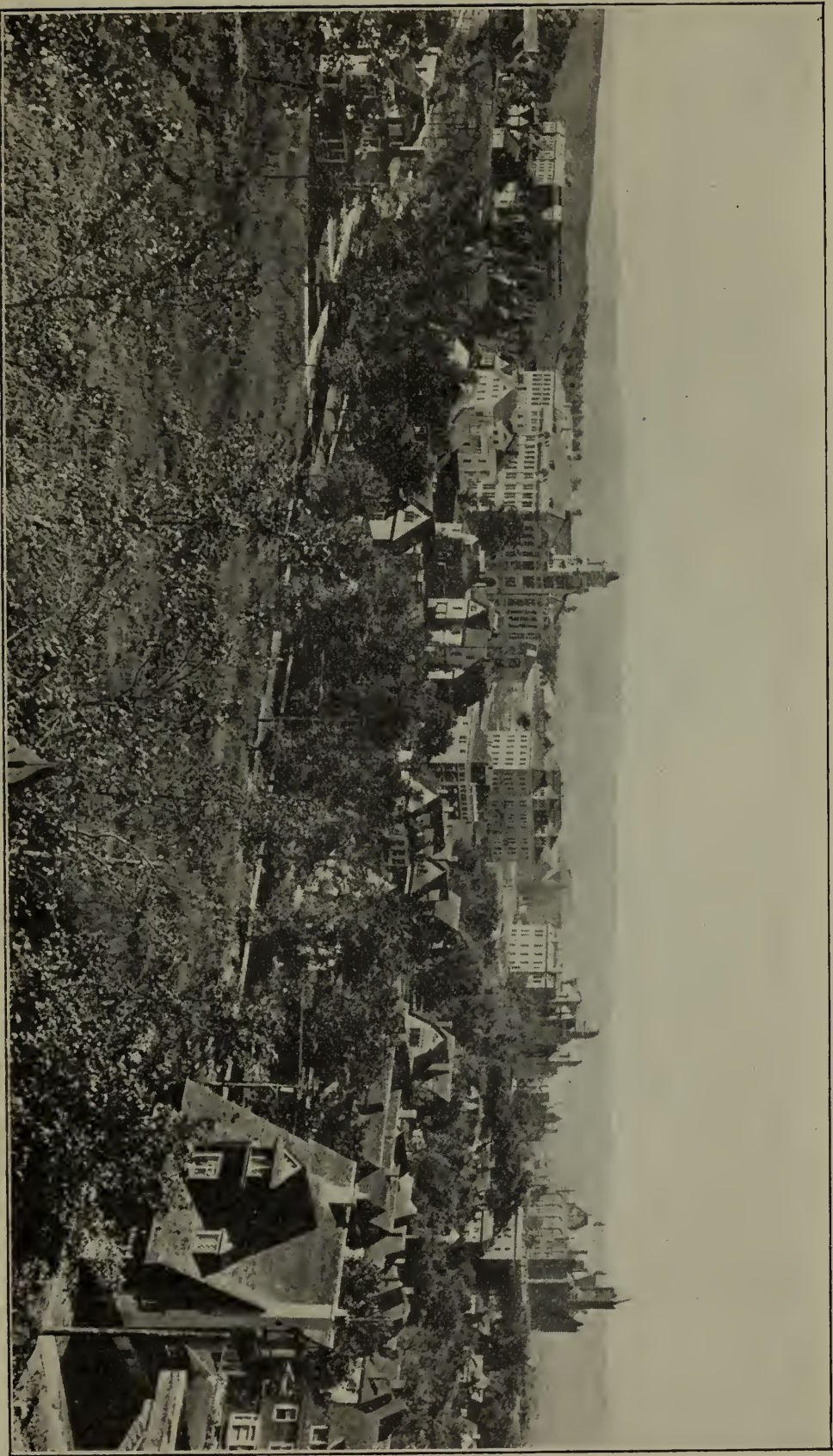
of a fraternity. In an uneducated democracy the ignorant classes easily become little more than mobs, swayed by changing passions, and in a fraternity, where the chapters are mutually ignorant of each other's condition, these unsympathetic groups may easily become little more than factions, swayed by jealousies and personal interest. It is desirable, therefore, that the chapters of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  know as much of each other as possible, and, in order that our sister chapters may know something more of Kappa Alpha Chapter and of Syracuse University, where it is located, I am sending these few lines to *THE JOURNAL*. I have also sent some cuts, giving a few scenes which are a part of our daily life.

Syracuse University is a young institution, having been founded in 1870. At that time it was only a small academic college with forty-one students; to-day it comprises six colleges, in eighteen buildings, on about 100 acres of campus, and has over 3,000 students. A new gymnasium is in process of construction. Besides these buildings, there is a new million dollar concrete stadium on the campus. The campus is situated on the heights, in the southeastern part of the city, and overlooks Onondaga Lake and Valley. The view from this place is always pleasing, and at times it is grand. The six colleges referred to are: The Liberal Arts, Fine Arts, Medicine, Law, Applied Science, and Teachers. The degrees conferred are: A. B., Ph. B., B. S., B. Ar., B. L., B. Mus., B. P., M. D., LL. B., C. E., E. E., M. E., Pd. B., M. A., Ph. M., and Ph. D.

The city of Syracuse is situated in Central New York, and is reached by great railways leading in all directions, the principal road being the main line of the New York Central. Syracuse is a city of over one hundred thousand population, with large industrial plants of all descriptions, and is listed in the census report as one of the healthiest cities in the land. It is known as "the convention city," a fact the implications of which mean much for a college student.

While these things are of interest in a general way, something of the student life at the University will be more to the point of these remarks.





SECTION OF CAMPUS AND BUILDINGS, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.



Syracuse University presents a good example of co-education on a large scale. The male contingent here is in a decided majority, but there are several hundred "co-eds." nevertheless. Here there seems to be less friction between the sexes than at most institutions of its kind. This is true in spite of some customs which it seems would tend to create the anti-co-ed. spirit. For instance, one could hardly blame a "fresh" for wishing there were no women in the University, especially when he had just stood for five, or even ten, minutes holding open the door while the "co-eds." passed into the hall. As a matter of fact, however, the writer recalls but few instances of anti-co-ed. feeling. Many think it is the best system. Be that as it may, we have the "fair sex" in our midst, and one or two  $\Sigma \Phi E$  men, at least, seem to be in perfect harmony with the constituted order.

The thing that distinguishes one college or university from another is not so much a difference in buildings and equipment, nor in the faculty and courses given, but rather in the student organization, the student manner of living when outside the classroom, the social organization around him, the unconscious influences which these conditions effect—in short, the spirit and viewpoint given to the student. The real key to the life of a university is to be found in the student quarters and their peculiar customs. Powerful as these influences are, and easily perceived by those who come within the sphere of their action, they do not, however, readily lend themselves to adequate expression through words and the written page, but, like the odor of formaldehyde, must be experienced in order to be known. In the absence of the real experience, the sympathetic reader can, nevertheless, get something that may to some extent reveal the actual hidden forces that affect the life of the student body.

As the University has only three dormitories, which accommodate but a very small fraction of the total student body, the larger portion of the students must find their living rooms and board in private families off the campus, and the in-coming Freshmen, who have not engaged their rooms in advance, sometimes experience slight difficulty in securing desirable locations. This



condition is not acute. That it is not so is due to the commendable readiness with which the citizens, including the best families, furnish accommodations for students. The "Hill" is, in fact, one of the most desirable residential sections of the city, and, as the business section is about a mile away, it constitutes a considerable intellectual community in itself. A glance at the photograph of the campus, on another page, will give a better conception of this vicinity than pages of word pictures, so no description of it will be attempted, except to say that beyond the visible part of the campus seen in the photograph is a deep valley, which does not readily show in the view.

This system of living in private homes, however, has at least one disadvantage in that the student is rather separated from his fellows. Of course he meets his class-mates in the recitation room, but there are so many in one class that he cannot easily become acquainted with them in this manner. It is inevitable, then, under the circumstances, that acquaintance should be made slowly. It is through other student activities that one is brought into close association with his fellow students.

Unquestionably the most powerful force tending to bring the students together is the fraternities. There are over thirty of them here, and they not only bind their members together in relations more or less close, but they actually furnish a home for them. Each of these fraternities either owns or rents a chapter house, and runs its own table, so that the fellows room and eat together—in short, live together, and are broadened by contact with each other. All told, eight or nine hundred students live in this way. Not only does the fraternity give its members a broader experience, because of the association with his fellows in the chapter, but it also brings him into contact with the members of the other fraternities through a well-developed system of interfraternity games of various kinds. Through its social activities, also in its receptions, parties, and banquets, its members, and friends who are not members, are given an introduction into the social life of the University and city, and are thus brought together and given an opportunity for the development of per-



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KAPPA ALPHA CHAPTER HOUSE.  
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.





sonality and character. It is easy to see, then, that the fraternities are the greatest socializing influence in the University.

Where, then, does  $\Sigma \Phi E$  stand in this field? What part does it play in this work? It stands just where it should stand, in the fore-front of the most progressive movements in the University. It believes in character and scholarship first, and strives most for these—and, if the opinion of members of the faculty can be taken as a measure, with some success—but it is none the less a force in all the University activities. It has two men on the Freshman foot-ball team (no first-year men are allowed to enter 'Varsity athletics here); two 'Varsity track men, one Glee Club member; the leader, the director, and two other players on the University Band; four men out for the crews, and the Senior Class President. In other lines we have such things as our basket-ball team, which has won all games played to date, and debaters. These things are not much in themselves, but they show that  $\Sigma \Phi E$  here endeavors to be an active factor in the University life, and to furnish as many opportunities as possible for the fullest development of its members. Its chapter membership comprises students in Engineering, Liberal Arts, Fine Arts, Teachers' College, and the College of Medicine, so that in this way it strives for the broadest development.

The life in the chapter house is not lacking in interest. Perhaps the most peculiar feature of this life is its dormitory system of sleeping. With the exception of two rooms, the third floor of the chapter house is a large, unfinished attic, which has been furnished with two rows of cots, resembling a hospital ward. Here the fellows sleep, with the two large windows open, rain or shine, and it is sometimes literally true that those who sleep next to the window are completely "snowed under." It requires nerve for some of the fellows to crawl out of bed in the morning into such a cold atmosphere.

The second floor of the house has six rooms, which are used as study rooms, and are occupied by about three fellows each. Having no beds to take up space, these rooms can be nicely fitted up with cozy dens and good libraries, so that the fellows have

real comfortable and pleasant quarters. An important factor, also, is the good light obtainable in all parts of the house.

The first floor has five rooms and a large hall. Besides the kitchen and the dining-room (a picture of which may be seen on another page), there is a reception-room, a library, and a parlor. No description of these is necessary, as cuts of them are in *THE JOURNAL*. Picture the fellows gathered in these three rooms (there are thirty of them when they are all present), with the Sigma Phi Epsilon orchestra playing, or the Sigma Phi Epsilon quartette singing, or all singing together some familiar song, while the glowing embers cast their dim, red light out into the room, and you have an image of Kappa Alpha Chapter's "after supper" life. This dream does not last always, however, for there is always some young lady in the University back in her work, who needs the assistance of some of the fellows, and one by one they repair to their rooms, and, having satisfied themselves that they look just a little better than they did the last time they saw her, hasten down and out of the house, to be seen again at the breakfast table the following morning. Or they may don their "swallow-tail" and make a rush for the box office at one of the opera-houses. Still others drag themselves lazily upstairs and take up some text-book, and plug away over some theory of deep and unfathomable significance, until finally they become so enraptured that they retire to their little cot on the third floor, and gaze out into the starry heavens until sleep casts his shadow over them, and they see no more until another day has rolled around. Could one but know the thoughts that creep and the ideas that are born under the curtain of sleep!

Come to see Kappa Alpha, and stay awhile, that you may know her and she may know you.

J. C. GRIFFIN.



RECEPTION ROOM.



DINING ROOM.

KAPPA ALPHA CHAPTER HOUSE, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.





## Songs to Sigma Phi Epsilon.

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TUNE—" *Auld Lang Syne.*"

No frater can forget the days,  
 No, ne'er forget, though gone ;  
 He never can forget the times  
 With Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Then here's a hand, my brother, friend,  
 Just give the grip to me ;  
 We'll drink a cup of friendship yet  
 For our fraternity.

W. F. TAYLOR, '07 and '08,  
 Kappa Alpha.

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TUNE—" *Maryland, My Maryland.*"

Thou art withstanding Time's assault,  
 Sigma Phi Epsilon ;  
 Thou will not stoop to evil deeds,  
 Sigma Phi Epsilon.  
 Our hearts beat strong for truest fame,  
 Our hands guide well for thy good name,  
 May these long be our greatest wish,  
 Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Methinks I hear a future son,  
 Sigma Phi Epsilon ;  
 Say victory hath for thee been won,  
 Sigma Phi Epsilon.  
 Can we wish more for thee to-day  
 Than that to-morrow this will say,  
 A loyal group of noble men,  
 Sigma Phi Epsilon.

F. J. SICKLES, '08,  
 Kappa Alpha.

## The Grand President's Letter.

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DALTON, OHIO, February 17, 1908.

*My Dear Brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon :*

It gives me great pleasure to greet you all through the columns of THE JOURNAL, and to say that I hope all have thus far enjoyed a pleasant and profitable year ; and, as it is well nigh gone, you are, no doubt, looking forward to the time when you will be in the midst of the "finals." And, as the passing of the finals in a creditable manner is, or should be, the ambition of every student, I sincerely hope that none may fail to realize their fondest anticipations in the receiving of the rewards which honest labor merits. Notwithstanding the fact of its being the duty of every one to close the year's work in a manner creditable to himself and pleasing to his friends, let none forget their duties to their beloved fraternity, and, above all, to their respective chapters.

To those who will not have completed their school work, and, therefore, may be expected to return next year, remember it will devolve upon you to assume the sterner responsibilities in connection with the management of your chapter, and, therefore, to you we may look for the perpetuation and advancement of Sigma Phi Epsilon and all it stands for.

To those who will have reached, at the end of this year, the goal of their ambition in the preparation for this life's work, and, consequently, will go forth to fight its battles, remember it will be upon the results of your efforts and your influence as exerted in the chapter, and in connection with its affairs in the closing days of your career as a college man and as an active member of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ , that the future of your chapter, and, in a measure, the destiny of the fraternity, will depend.

I would impress upon you, brothers, the fact, as I see it, that, as you become alumni, you enter a field wherein opportunities to serve  $\Sigma \Phi E$  for its advancement are unnumbered.



MAIN BUILDING, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

THE FERRY N. CO.  
COLUMBUS, O.



That being true, shall not every brother who reads these lines solemnly declare that as the interests of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  were dear to him while in school, so shall they ever be and remain in after life; that done, a bright future for  $\Sigma \Phi E$  is assured.

As one who, in a measure, feels the weight of responsibility incident to an official position in the Grand Chapter, I desire to say a word in regard to the coming Conclave.

It is to be held in Chicago, Ill., beginning April 20th, and continuing three days (including nights). At this meeting it is hoped several questions of vital importance will be ultimately settled. And since these, as well as many others that may arise, should be decided only after full and deliberate consideration by the fraternity in full representation, it is to be hoped that no chapter will fail to be represented, and, further, that every delegate be on hand at the time and place appointed for the convening of the meeting. I would also call attention to the providing of delegates with the proper credentials which are necessary to entitle them to participate in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

I trust that I may have the pleasure of meeting, not only a delegate from every chapter of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ , but, as well, as many from the several chapters as may find it convenient to be in attendance; for let it be understood that every  $\Sigma \Phi E$  is invited and welcome to be present upon the occasion of our coming together in the interests of the fraternity.

In closing, I wish every member of the fraternity the greatest success.

Fraternally,

N. R. COONEY,  
Grand President.

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### Installation of Theta Chapter.

On January 25th Grand President Cooney, assisted by Brothers W. L. Phillips, of the Charter Committee, Charles L. Yancey, of Zeta, Dixon and Snell, of Eta, and the entire Epsilon Chapter, assembled in Epsilon's room at Lexington, Va., and



initiated fourteen students of the Virginia Military Institute, and installed Theta Chapter at that institution. The work was conducted by Brother Yancey, under the direct supervision of Grand President Cooney.

After the installation, Grand President Cooney addressed the new chapter, after which the visitors visited the various points of interest in and about V. M. I. and W. and L. University.

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### Installation at Ohio State University.

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On the evening of January 31st, with several of the brothers from Theta Alpha and one each from Gamma Beta and Theta Beta, the writer assisted in the installation of Theta Gamma Chapter of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. To say that a good time was enjoyed by all present would be putting it mildly.

The installing party arrived at the commodious and elegantly furnished house, located on west Eighth avenue, and occupied as a chapter house, about 8:30 P. M., and immediately proceeded with the work of initiating the ten men who, with Brother Armstrong, formerly of Gamma Beta, and Brother Foster, formerly of Theta Alpha, had banded themselves together and declared they were willing to espouse the cause of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  and be inducted into its secrets.

The work of installing the chapter lasted until in the small hours of the morning, and resulted in another bright and beautiful star being added to the constellation of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

But I will not go into detail, since I anticipate we will have the pleasure of a good letter, giving a full account of the ceremonies, direct from them, in THE JOURNAL this issue. So suffice it to say that as installing officer the assistance rendered by all the good brothers of the various chapters was highly appreciated; and let me say further that the manner in which the ritualistic work was done was more than pleasing to me, since it verified what I have always believed concerning the Ritual as adopted at our last Conclave.

N. R. COONEY, Grand President.



GYMNASIUM AND ARMORY, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.



## Woman.

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Woman was kept in the ancient days  
In the most extreme of savage ways ;  
Housed in the rear, in a little cave,  
And always treated as a common slave.

But by the progress of civilization  
She has been removed from subordination ;  
And she plodded on with a very rapid pace,  
Until she reached the height of her present place.

Go back into time, as far as history covers,  
You'll find all the great men were efforts of mothers,  
And all the heights which they reached and are holding  
Are due to her skill in character moulding.

Because her nature seems very complex,  
Men always call her the weaker sex ;  
She is very daring, has no fear of pain,  
Keen-minded, and great to endure mental strain.

She's a careful observer, with a very mild diction,  
And a heart that yields easily to religious conviction ;  
With the life of Christ she has a noble connection—  
Last at the cross, first at the grave and resurrection.

So woman, with her great power of enchantment,  
Has always been an aid to man's advancement ;  
For, of all the things of divine relation,  
Woman is surely God's greatest creation.

BLAINE HAMLET COCHRAN,  
Theta Alpha.

# Chapter Letters.

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## Alpha.

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Richmond College.

Meets in Hall on Campus every Saturday at 8:00 P. M.

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It is now mid-winter, and while those of us who are in the Law Department have our hardest work to do, being in the midst of our examinations, yet this is the time of year when we really become best acquainted with each other, and appreciate the holy bonds of fraternalism which bind us together. During the cold and rainy days and long nights, after our lectures have been gotten up, we gather in one another's rooms, and, through clouds of tobacco smoke, we build castles in the air, through which we catch a glimpse of the ideal toward which all of us are striving, and so learn to love each other better.

There threatened to be a serious rupture between the fraternity and non-fraternity men in College this year over the selection of the Annual Board. We believe the matter is satisfactorily settled now.

The faculty sent a committee to meet a committee from each of the fraternities in College just before Xmas. The object seems to have been for the faculty to get more in touch with the fraternities, and so work together for the good of the College as well as the fraternities. No definite plan was adopted.

While the men who constitute Alpha Chapter are not all athletes, there are several honors which have been conferred upon them since our last letter. Brother Garland was elected assistant manager of the foot-ball team. The writer represented the College in the Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association, is president of the Philologian Literary Society, and vice-president of the Athletic Association.

Brother Bowen, '07, has returned to College, and says he will



be back next year to play his old position of half-back on the 'Varsity. As he was captain of perhaps the best foot-ball team the College has ever turned out, he will be a tower of strength to the team of '08.

Brother George Doughty is spending a week with us, and we all enjoy his witty sallies as much as we ever did.

Brother "Fritz" Wright spent a few days with us a short time ago. We enjoyed listening to the jokes he had collected from the Southwest.

We are in receipt of letters from Brothers Throckmorton, Tilman, and Jones, and, needless to say, we appreciate the interest and love they show for our dear old fraternity.

We hear (not officially) that two more stars have been added to the list of chapters. Alpha wishes to greet these two baby chapters at Ohio State University and Virginia Military Institute with best wishes, and extends to them the hand of fellowship and brotherly love.

Fraternally,

ALPHA.

*E. W. Hudgins,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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## Gamma Beta.

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West Virginia University.

Meets every Thursday at 10 P. M. at 640 Spruce Street.

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Gamma Beta Chapter is in a very flourishing condition at present, and hopes to be able to continue this prosperous state of affairs in years to come. The membership of those in active school work is seventeen. Several good men are being rushed, and the present number is likely soon to be increased.

The present pledges are Herman Pocock, a high school graduate, of Morgantown, and Harry R. Willey, of Montgomery, West Va. Willey proved to be one of W. V. U.'s valuable men in the base-ball nine last season, both as a fielder and a strong batter.

Brother McIntire has been elected captain of the foot-ball

team for the coming season. With such a man as "Tuby" for a leader of the eleven, W. V. U. hopes to put out the most successful team of many years.

Thomas Corby, one of last year's twirlers for W. V. U., has proven to be a man held in high esteem by the students of the University. He was elected, by a large majority, as president of the Athletic Association, even though he was opposed by a fraternity body, as well as by a non-fraternity body. Gamma Beta gets good places of honor and trust in student affairs, as she always has good men for the positions.

Brother Pixler has returned from an extended visit through the Southern States. He reports a pleasant and profitable trip. Ernest is not free to confess that he likes snow-balls better than oranges.

Brother Rupert has returned to school. He is another of W. V. U.'s star base-ball men, having distinguished himself as a centre-fielder and a mighty wielder of the stick.

Price and West were elected lieutenants in the local company of National Guards. These men were among the representatives of West Virginia's State Rifle Team last year, and attended the national shoot at Port Clinton, Ohio, last fall.

The members of the initiating team are very busy working on the new Ritual. The present pledges are soon to be taken into the secrets and workings of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  in accordance with the new Ritual.

Gamma Beta is in receipt of a letter from Brother Paul Armstrong, of Ohio, telling of the successful installation of a new chapter at Ohio State University. Gamma Beta is proud to send out such men as Brother Armstrong, and congratulates him on his successful work in placing this new chapter. Gamma Beta extends her best wishes to the new sister chapter.

Faternally,

*G. W. Price,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

GAMMA BETA.

## Delta Beta.

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Jefferson Medical College.

Fraternity House, 327 South Eleventh Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Once more Delta Beta, with her usual eagerness, peals forth her greetings to her sister chapters.

Upon our return from our holiday vacation, how eagerly each brother was awaiting our beloved JOURNAL; for each edition brings forth such news as penetrates to the very apex of our hearts, of one, two, or three more chapters that have enrolled in the great Sigma Phi Epsilon army. To these sister chapters Delta Beta extends her fraternal hand. May they ever be true, loyal, and upright supporters of the royal purple and red. May they exemplify that manly and brotherly spirit excelled by no other fraternity of their college or university.

Every Sigma Phi Epsilon chest should expand and re-expand with that fraternal atmosphere as each wave penetrates the surrounding universe.

With the time elapsing between letters, each chapter shares her sorrows and pleasures.

Since our last letter Brother Baker has been painfully grieved by the loss of a dear brother, whose final summons came on the morning of January 13th. The obsequies were held at his late home, Milford, N. H. We, one and all, deeply share Brother Baker's grief in his late bereavement. His loss is our loss, but heaven's gain.

Just before our vacation we were so unfortunate as to have a conflagration in the house, but glad to say that, through the efforts of a few of our "cool heads," especially Brother McKee of fire-fighting renown, the flames were soon vanquished.

With all these unpleasant things come joy, peace, and happiness. The chapter takes great pleasure in introducing to 'he fraternity at large

George W. Barnett, '08, Johnstown, Pa.,

who is treasurer of his class, and one of its most popular men.

To add to all the good things that came our way, we have enjoyed pleasant visits by Grand Treasurer Griffin, Kappa Alpha; Brothers Hill, Epsilon Alpha; Tross, Theta Alpha, and Tiffany and Horn, Mu Alpha. May the door-bell continue to peal forth the coming of brothers in  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

Bro. Lloyd R. Mace, M. D., '05, is spending the winter in Miami, Florida.

Next year more will be heard of the foot-ball team of our great Medical College. We have on the schedule a game with the Army, and hope to secure other big teams.

The evening of March 19th the chapter hopes to celebrate, at the festive board, her annual banquet. We are all looking forth with great pleasure to this date to meet our alumni and honorary brothers.

Wishing all our sister chapters the pleasures of similar events, and success in all undertakings, we are,

Fraternally,

*C. S. Gracey,*

*Chapter Historian.*

DELTA BETA.

## Delta Gamma.

**Western University of Pennsylvania, Medical Department.**

Meets in 3019 Brereton Avenue, on first Friday of each Month, at 5 o'clock P. M

During the recent days Delta Gamma experienced a pleasant surprise—a visit from Grand Treasurer Bro. J. C. Griffin. Needless to say we were all “delighted.”

Brother Griffin's advent was the occasion of ecstasies of joy among us, for more than one reason—viz.:

First, we were enabled to disentangle some financial difficulties which had made veritable “dull care” victims of some of the brothers, and great was the enthusiasm when Brother Griffin presented us with a “paid in full to date” document. The celebration resembled that of a mortgage burning in a church of some









extreme rural district. Ever been to one? If not, let your imaginative powers have full sway!

Second, Brother Griffin left with us so much of his jovial nature, and so many words of kind advice and counsel, that in truth we sing, "Blest be the tie that binds."

Since our last letter we have secured two excellent pledges.

Bro. F. Grant Patterson has taken a residentship at the St. Francis Hospital, this city.

Three of our alumni—Bros. A. V. Hicks, M. D., J. J. O'Sullivan, M. D., and W. L. O'Hagan, M. D., paid us a visit during the last month, and gave us to understand that although the weather in Pittsburg is extremely cold, having been continuously at or below the zero mark, yet their love and loyalty to Delta Gamma had not in the least been chilled, but that "absence makes the heart grow fonder."

Wishing all the best of success and prosperity, we are,

Faternally,

*H. B. Jones,*

DELTA GAMMA.

*Chapter Historian.*

## Delta Delta.

University of Pennsylvania.

Meets every Tuesday Evening at 7 o'clock, in Fraternity House, 3717 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

To her sister chapters and to every brother in  $\Sigma \Phi E$  Delta Delta again extends heartiest greetings and best wishes for a most prosperous new year.

We note with the greatest pleasure the enthusiastic and spirited accounts of the chapters, as presented in the last issue of THE JOURNAL—a proof of the noble manner in which the ideals of our beloved brotherhood are being upheld.

Now that the Christmas vacation is past, we return to find ourselves face to face with the mid-year finals, and, as a result, the brothers are applying themselves diligently to their studies.

On Friday, January 10th, Bro. E. Tross, of Theta Alpha,

paid us a visit, which was enjoyed and appreciated. Brother Tross expects to affiliate with Delta Delta next year, as he has arranged to enter the medical department of the University.

Since our last letter the goat has been given a little healthy exercise. The initiates report that he is in fine condition—surely they ought to know. Delta Delta has unfolded the secrets of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  to four new men, and it is with no little pleasure that we introduce the following to the fraternity :

Charles Edward Paxson, '08, Camden, N. J.

George Jarvis Thompson, '10, Medford, N. J.

Adam B. Brubaker, '11, Lititz, Pa.

Clarence Walker Brown, '11, Fox Chase, Philadelphia, Pa.

Brother Paxson is a member of the Senior class, and is a debater of marked ability, having been a member of his Sophomore debating team, captain of the Zelosophic Society debating team which defeated the Barnard Literary Association, of Columbia, in 1906, and captain of the Zelosophic debating team which won unanimously from Swarthmore College, in 1907. Brother Paxson was the last man to receive the Willis Terry Prize for the honor student of the Freshman class, having won it in his Freshman year. He is also an officer of the Zelosophic Society, the University's leading literary and debating organization, membership to which is by invitation. While Brother Paxson has won such signal honor on the rostrum, he has also taken some part in athletic activities, being left end on the Zelosophic Society's foot-ball team, which won the foot-ball championship of the debating societies of the University.

Brother Thompson is also a debater of some ability, and was a member of the Zelosophic Society debating team which won a unanimous decision from the Barnard Literary Association, of Columbia University, in New York, on December 13th last. He also is an officer of the Zelosophic Society, and played right tackle on the Society's foot-ball team.

Brothers Paxson and Thompson make up two out of the

three members of the Zelosophic Debate Committee, the most important committee in the Society.

Brother Brubaker will, in all probability, next year make the cast of the annual play of the Mask and Wig Club, the famous dramatic organization of the University, he having made the finals this year. Brother Brubaker is also a member of the Zelosophic Society, and played centre on its foot-ball team.

Brother Brown is one of the most popular men in his class, and is a member of the Freshman Finance Committee.

The brothers in the chapter have also received many honors.

Brother Harry Delaney was elected vice-president of the 1910 class of the Dental Department.

Brother MacFarland has been appointed a member of the Freshman Class Bowl Fight Committee, which is the most important committee of the class. He has also been elected to membership in the Zelosophic Society, and played half-back on the Society's foot-ball team. Brother Keilty is also a member of the Zelosophic Society.

Thus Delta Delta is extending her influence throughout the University, and the outlook for the ensuing year is particularly encouraging.

In closing, we of Delta Delta wish to extend to each and every brother a most cordial and fraternal invitation to visit our chapter while in Philadelphia.

Yours in  $\Sigma \Phi E$ ,

*H. A. Delaney,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

DELTA DELTA.

## Beta Alpha.

College of Physicians and Surgeons of University of Illinois.  
Meets every Monday Night at Fraternity House, 352 Warren Avenue.

*Dear Brothers,*—Beta Alpha very cordially invites every brother in  $\Sigma \Phi E$  to visit Chicago in April. The Grand Chapter has seen fit to honor this city and our chapter by assem-



bling here the 1908 Conclave. We highly appreciate their action in thus favoring us, and we realize at the same time that they believed it to be for the best interests of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  that the Conclave be held in the west. While the Western chapters are most of them comparatively young, yet we feel they are of sufficient importance to bring the national assemblage of the fraternity into their country for once. To our Eastern visitors a trip to Chicago will afford an excellent opportunity for becoming acquainted with Western men and manners, and the delegates from chapters in the West can see the vortex of all the great Western "whirlpool."

It behooves all chapters to have their thought neurones (whatever that is) in action, and definitely plan the work to be done at the coming Conclave. Our organization cannot be stronger than its chapter units make it, hence everything which any chapter believes is for the interest and advancement of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  should be sent to this Conclave by the properly instructed delegate.

Our fraternity journal is an excellent publication, and of inestimable value to our organization. What would we be nationally without it? We would simply exist as so many local chapters, knowing naught of any common ties or aims, each living alone in a narrow self-centered realm. But haven't we still room for improvement in the part of our magazine supplied by the individual chapters? Upon reading the letters in each edition, there are not really many of them that give evidence of great expenditure of time or thought in their construction. We begin by sending the same formal "greetings to our sister chapters." We stick in a bunch of "giff-gaff" concerning the unapproachable flourishing condition of our great fraternity, and about the peerless men whom we have just initiated, and close, perhaps, without saying a thing that has made THE SIGMA PHI EPSILON JOURNAL better by the addition of our letter. Take a brace. Say something new, if possible, and let us see what will happen.

I can already hear you calling me a "knocker," but cheer up,

I will come out of it all right, and you can square up when you come to town in April.

We have for presentation to our brotherhood at large four new men :

Russell R. Heim, '10, Plymouth, Ind.  
 David J. Jones, '11, Chicago, Ill.  
 William R. Hedrick, '10, Noble, Ill.  
 Franklin H. Carter, '11, Vienna, Ill.

In Brother Heim we have secured an excellent specimen of the Hoosier.

Brother Jones, president of the Freshman class, is a fine, all-around man, much admired by the fair sex.

Brothers Hedrick and Carter, coming from Southern Illinois, known as "Egypt," are splendid examples of good products from the fertile Nile valley.

We used the new Ritual in our initiation, and the impression it made upon the members was that the old form was easier to work. The new Ritual, however, represents a lot of work and study in its construction, and to be properly executed demands considerable work and practice. We believe that the Ritual appeared at a disadvantage here because of lack of sufficient preparation by us.

Fraternally,

*Mylo Lee,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

BETA ALPHA.

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## Epsilon Alpha.

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University of Colorado.

Meets every Monday Evening at 7 o'clock, at Chapter House.

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*Dear Brothers,*—The reading of your letters in the last issue of THE JOURNAL made us realize more than ever before what it means to be a "wearer of the heart." They were greatly appreciated by all in Epsilon Alpha. We are grateful to know that THE JOURNAL, as well as the fraternity at large, is growing, and

we feel that the time is not far distant when  $\Sigma \Phi E$  will be a leader of fraternities.

Our first semester examinations are over, and the "wounded" have resorted to the festivities of "Junior Week," but, now that all is over, we are once more bending over our books, and striving to live up to the ideals of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

A pleasant surprise came to us recently when Bro. F. F. Nickell, of Gamma Beta, registered in the University. It is needless to say that we are glad to have him with us, and we feel that we will be benefited by his presence. Though he has been with us a short time, he has proven to be a "mixer."

Bro. C. E. Heaton has been elected leader of the Glee Club. The Club this year promises to be one of the best in the history of the University. We will also be well represented on the Mandolin Club.

It is with pleasure that we introduce to the fraternity

J. C. Warkley, Cheyenne, Wyo.

R. E. Anderson, Castle Rock, Colo.

These men are of no mean ability. Brother Warkley hails from Ames Agricultural College. He is a "star" in athletics, and we are looking forward to the time when he will be of credit to the school, both in track and foot-ball.

Bro. R. E. Anderson last year attended Colorado College. He was a prominent student, having made his "C" in base-ball. (He is brother of E. T. Anderson, editor of *The Annual*.) We regret to say that his time with us is very limited. He has recently received an appointment to West Point, and, though we hate to see him leave us, we feel grateful to know he is given the opportunity to enter the United States Military Academy.

Spring time is fast approaching, and men have already reported for track and base-ball. We are expecting good work from Bro. A. R. Heaton, who made his "C" in track last spring. Bro. E. T. Anderson will be on hand when "two and three baggers" are needed. This he has formerly proven.

It is the custom here to have a series of inter-fraternity base-

ball games. With our new material developing we hope to carry off the honors.

Bro. W. D. Schuster has done fine work in basket-ball this year, and we are justly proud of "Little Billy."

We are looking forward, with much anticipation, to the Conclave in April. Epsilon Alpha will, in all probability, be represented there, and can, thereby, come more in touch with its sister chapters, and realize more fully the progress of our beloved fraternity.

Wishing every brother success in his undertakings, we are,

Faternally,

*W. H. Lowther,*

EPSILON ALPHA.

*Chapter Historian.*

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## Delta.

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William and Mary College.

Meets every Friday at 11 P. M., in Chapter House, on Duke of Gloucester Street.

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At this, the opening of our second term, when we have just passed through the moil of examinations, Delta extends a hand of love and happy greeting to all those in the ranks of our dear fraternity.

We congratulate the brothers everywhere for their success in college work, and for their many and various contributions of strength and honor to our common brotherhood. Never before in the history of the organization has there been such obvious interest and determination in the pursuit of those things which vitalize and add to its fame and honor. Never before, as evidenced by the notes of our official organ, has the future seemed so bright and promising. From almost every chapter there comes a message of prosperity. In almost every college where the name of our fraternity can be heard, there seems to be a high tide of fraternal love among the brothers, a great respect of faculties and students for our ensign, and an ardent admiration for our ideals, as exemplified in the lives and conduct of our men.



In no single chapter does there seem to be a disregard for any of the mandates of our Ritual, and in all of them there seems to be a desirable blending of the qualities which add strength and lustre to fraternity life. So manifestly true is this that it is indeed hard to say which star shines brightest in our galaxy. Verily, such a spirit as this is most encouraging; and, continually and properly nourished, who is able to presage the extent or foreshadow the glory which awaits us. It is only necessary that we, as we receive the choicest smiles and richest blessings of fortune, ward off the foes which, perchance, may come before us, and rise steadily and surely to meet the concomitant responsibilities of the blessed.

As we turn now to things of a more local nature, but which, at the same time, concern the fraternity as a whole, the first thing that we consider especially worthy of note is that nearly all of Delta's members have achieved success, some of them distinction, in our recent examination. Too much cannot be said in behalf of scholarship as an absolute necessity for the success and reputation of the chapter. Nothing brings a chapter so much into disrepute in the eyes of a college faculty, or others whose opinions count for something, as a lack of study and scholarship on the part of its members. On the other hand, when a chapter is noted in college as one whose members are always diligent for class distinction, and as one whose members are frequently complimented publicly by the professor, it soon commands the respect of both students and faculty, and makes it much easier to interest and solicit those students who are at all desirable for membership.

In the athletic realm we are not behind in prospective members of the '08 base-ball team.

Bro. George Arnold, better known as "Kid," is comparatively sure of his old position at left field. It will be remembered in connection with "Kid" that he is the youngest man who ever won an athletic monogram at William and Mary, and that he has no small part in our championship cup of last year.

Brothers Roper, Virginus Arnold, Stanley, and Bruce



Barber are also expected to distinguish themselves in their dealings with the sphere.

At a recent election of "The Colonial Echo" staff your humble scribe was chosen as one of the literary editors. He is also one of the editors of the *William and Mary Literary Magazine*, and an applicant for his M. A. degree.

Considerable interest is being manifested among the brothers relative to the next Conclave. We are, of course, willing to abide the decision and discretion of the Charter Committee, and some of us expect to be in attendance, notwithstanding the distance. The most objectionable feature, however, is the time. It appears to us that business demands is the only reason that could justify such an inconvenient time, for many who would possibly attend will be handicapped because of college duties. But we repeat that we do not like to question the judgment of the committee to whom we have committed this charge, and we have only to hope that their decision is best.

In all the remaining trials and hardships of the college year, Delta again wishes all brothers in  $\Sigma \Phi E$  success and victory, and in all the joys—joy in extreme.

Fraternally yours,

G. L. H. Johnson,  
Chapter Historian.

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## Eta Beta.

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North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.  
Meets every Sunday at 2 P. M.

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It is again with pleasure that Eta Beta sends greetings to all through THE JOURNAL.

Since our last letter Eta Beta has steadily forged to the front, both in college and in society.

Brother Blount did not return after Xmas, and Eta Beta lost a good Freshman, but he hopes to be back with us next year.

We are very glad to have back with us this year Bro. C. C. Dawson, who did not return after Xmas last year.

Brother Abernathy was home a few days after college opened, to attend the funeral of his father, who died only a few days after his return.

We have been lucky enough to secure the first night in May for our annual dance, May 27th, and we are doing all in our power to make it what it was last year, the best fraternity dance held at the College, and Eta Beta sends a cordial invitation to all brothers that can be with us that night.

March exams. are almost upon us, and again we are busy cramming and scratching for a pass.

Recently in College eleven Freshmen were subjected to a coat of nitrate of silver and a neat hair-cutting, and the whole State, as well as the faculty and student body, or rather Senior class, have become very indignant. Boys have been examined and cross-examined, with the result that two have been dismissed from College, and it is the report that several more are likely to be run away by the student body, or rather the Senior class.

The Seniors are also trying to introduce the honor system at the College, and it is the opinion of the majority that we will have it by next year. This is a thing that has long been needed here, and we hope they will succeed, if they will leave out partiality, which is so readily shown in many cases.

Wishing all brothers a prosperous year, we are,

Fraternally,

*R. F. Jones,*

ETA BETA.

*Chapter Historian.*

## Theta Alpha.

Ohio Northern University.

Meets every Saturday Evening at 5:30 o'clock at 12 South Main Street.

To all brothers in  $\Sigma \Phi E$  we send our greeting and best wishes.

We hope that all of our sister chapters are enjoying the benefits of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  as much as we are.

Theta Alpha had the good luck of being near Columbus, and when our new chapter at Ohio State University was taken into the mysteries of our beloved fraternity eight of our active members went to Columbus to assist in the work. The verdict of our men was that the men that have started our baby chapter are as fine a lot of young men as ever applied for a charter from any fraternity. The work was done Friday night, and our new brothers entertained at a banquet Saturday night at the Great Southern Hotel. Bro. Leroy Foster, one of the new chapter, is an old  $\Sigma \Phi E$ , having been initiated here in 1906. We wish Theta Gamma a very prosperous career.

Bro. George Maglot, who was a charter member of Theta Alpha, left school before he had completed his course, and went West, where he held a very good position. He has returned, and is in school now, completing his course in civil engineering.

We hail with pride our new sister chapter at Virginia Military Institute. May she live long and prosper. We are doing our work well, brothers. Let us not stop until we have a continuous path from ocean to ocean, and a chapter in every State of our country.

We are very glad to announce that our brothers who took the State Bar examination in December are all making good.

Since our last letter we have taken into the mysteries of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  the following men :

E. L. Edwards.  
Charles Ogan.  
Harvey Maglot.  
Louis Ogan.  
Craig Marshall.  
Miller Freeman.  
Wilson Morrow.

They are all men of whom we can feel justly proud.

Just a word about our orchestra. We have a piano, clarinet, 'cello, first and second violin, cornet, and drums. They furnish us with fine music and help us to enjoy life very much.



There is nothing outside of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  that will uplift a man more than good music.

It will soon be base-ball time, and we expect to place several men in the field.

We are all looking forward to the Conclave with great interest. We hope that every chapter will be represented.

Since our last letter our Historian, Bro. M. O. Enterline, was taken ill with appendicitis, and went to Fort Wayne, where he was operated on very successfully. He returned to us on February 8th, but has gone to his home in Brookville, Pa., to recuperate. We hope to have him back with us next term. And, at the same time, the writer will make that as an excuse for any mistakes he makes in writing this letter.

Brothers Allen, Monroe, Atherton, Bennett, Cochran, and Good have left school. We were all sorry to lose these men.

Brother Good's intentions are to enter W. U. P. next fall. He is a star foot-ball player, and will make good, we are sure. Our brothers at W. U. P., we hope, will be as well pleased with him as we were.

We have taken into the fraternity two honorary members, Elmer J. Carey and Walter Elliot. Brother Carey is cashier of the Liberty Bank, of Ada, and is also one of Ohio Northern University's trustees. Brother Elliot is a prominent Mason, and has also taken a wife since he became one of us. We have just learned that Brother Kirk Mee took the same step last May. He kept his secret well. We know that all of the brothers in  $\Sigma \Phi E$  wish them both a long and happy married life.

With best wishes for our sister chapters, we remain,

Fraternally,

*Clarence Lysie Miller,*

*Chapter Historian (pro tem).*

THETA ALPHA.

## Iota Alpha.

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### Purdue University.

Meets every Monday Evening at 9:30 o'clock, 41 Salisbury Street.

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Iota Alpha again extends greetings to all brothers in  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

Every one is busy now, getting started in his second semester's work. It is rather a long stretch from now until June, but we hope to do great things in that time, and, from the tone of the letters in the last JOURNAL, we would judge that every chapter will strive to do its best in the interest of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

We note, with great interest, that the next Conclave is to be held in Chicago. This is a very good move, as it will bring the Eastern chapters in closer touch with those of the West, and will make the fraternity more homogeneous than ever. The Conclave should be the best we have ever held.

On January 13th we held an initiation, at which time

J. L. Hascall, East Chicago, Ind.,

John P. Merritt, '09, Frankfort, Ind.,

C. A. Eckles, Youngstown, Ohio,

were ushered into the brotherhood and introduced to the mysteries of the fraternity. The new Ritual was used, of course, and we certainly wish to extend congratulations to its authors. It brings the high ideals of the fraternity before the initiate in a more forcible manner than was ever before possible. Each time we use it we note finer points in its make-up.

Brother Schneller, of Delta Epsilon, has entered Purdue. and has affiliated with us. We think that Delta Epsilon's loss is our gain.

Since our last letter we have pledged the following men whom we are proud to introduce to the general fraternity:

Thomas Henry, '11, E. Chicago, Ind.

H. R. Ritchie, '10, Lebanon, Ind.

C. A. Daley, '10, Angelica, N. Y.

We held a house party, beginning on Friday, February 21st

and ending on Sunday afternoon, at which we entertained about twenty of our fair friends and several chaperones. We all attended the Junior Prom. on Friday evening, and the remaining two days were taken up with theatre parties, dinners, and a general good time. We enjoyed ourselves very much, and, from the expressions of the girls, we would say that they had the "time of their lives." These entertainments mark pleasant oases in a desert of school work and grind.

We are well represented in athletics this winter. Brother Lewis is captain and forward, and Brother Eckles is the other forward on the basket-ball team, and they have made good showings. Brother Eckles has been handicapped by a "charley-horse" all winter, but Brother Lewis has proven himself to be one of the best forwards in the West. Base-ball has started, as well as track, and it will not be long until we are all interested in the great national game. Purdue has hopes of a very good team this year.

Hoping to see every chapter well represented at the Conclave, we will close, wishing success to all the chapters.

Faternally,

*L. V. Sheridan,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

IOTA ALPHA.

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## Kappa Alpha.

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Syracuse University.

Meets every Friday Evening at 7:30 o'clock, 303 Waverly Avenue.

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Mid-year examinations are over with; the die has been cast; our fates lie in the hands of the professors. All reports have not been received as yet, but at every turn we hear, "Did you get through?" I am proud to write that in most cases Kappa Alpha's sons give an affirmative answer.

The last edition of THE JOURNAL indicates that  $\Sigma \Phi E$  is coming to the front along athletic lines as well as in other phases of college life. Do not think me boasting when I praise

Cassius Miller.

C. W. Edmunds.

J. A. Perry.



H. W. Ford. E. E. Thalmadge. J. C. Griffin, Captain. H. D. Taft.

Σ Φ Ε BASKET BALL TEAM, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.



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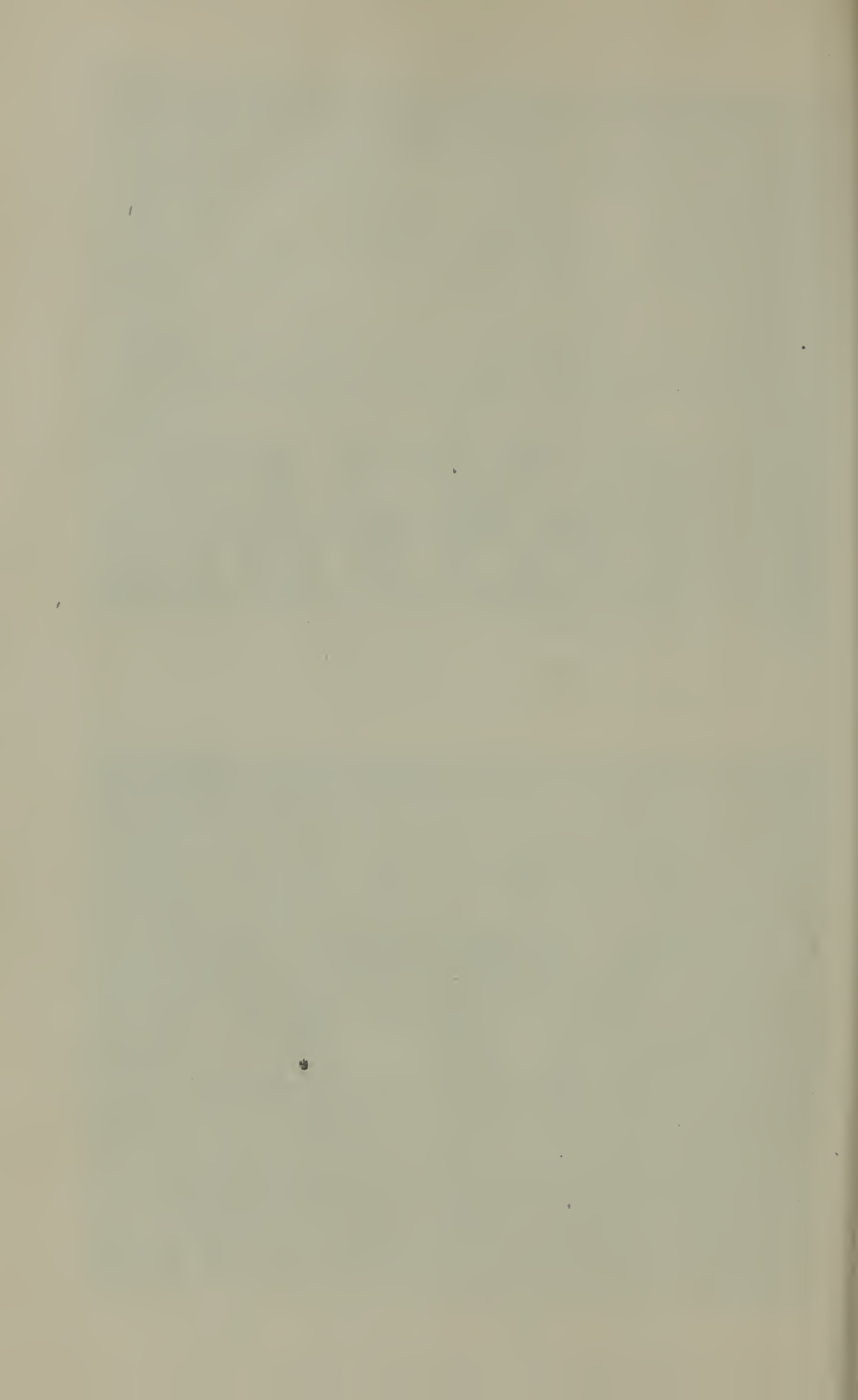
Ford.

Thalmadge,  
Manager.

Merwin,  
Leader.

Σ Φ Ε MEMBERS SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY BAND.





the athletic atmosphere about Syracuse and the prominent part Kappa Alpha is taking. The basket-ball 'Varsity team bids fair to receive the Eastern championship, as she has won seven straight games, and there is not a defeat against her record. She has played the best teams of the East, among them Williams, Yale, and Princeton. At Syracuse we have an inter-fraternity basket-ball league. Kappa Alpha has played and won her first game, to the tune of 14 to 10.

Brother Beckwith accompanied the track team to Boston last month, where it defeated Columbia in the relay race. Brother Soule is the fastest 100-yard man in the University, and when I write this I realize that he brings honor not only to Kappa Alpha, but also to Sigma Phi Epsilon at large.

We are blessed this winter with a fine skating rink on College Hill. A hockey team is rapidly coming into form, under the supervision of a competent coach from Canada, Mr. Robert Hilliard.

Crew prospects are the brightest. Never before in the history of the institution has there been such a hearty response to the call of "Father" Ten Eyck, our veteran coach, as there was last Monday. Brothers Taft and Scull are promising timber for the Freshman crew.

W. E. Hamlin recently returned from a trip abroad, in which he made a study of the construction work of the great dam at the head-waters of the Nile. He is now having the stone hauled for the construction of the new gymnasium, which, together with our stadium, which he constructed, will give Syracuse one of the best facilities for athletics that any university in the land possesses.

So much for athletics, and I trust you have not tired reading, for I have one more word to write concerning athletics. Let us not as sister chapters be modest in writing about our heroes on the athletic field. Pride, when it does not become vain, is a virtue. By letting each other know what we are doing tends to cause us to have pride in our fraternity, and, if we are proud

of her, we will work to make  $\Sigma \Phi E$  one of the best fraternities in the college world.

As is our custom at Kappa Alpha, we have begun, in the second semester, to rush new men. Some of the finest of the wheat from the four classes is still left, and we have an excellent opportunity to get in new fire, which will enable us to shine brighter and nobler in our college life.

Social life at Syracuse is at flood tide, as this is "Senior Week." A word is sufficient.

I fear that I have made my letter for this issue too lengthy, inasmuch as this is Kappa Alpha's special edition, but I trust that you will pardon me. We have tried to make this edition speak for Syracuse and Kappa Alpha. We will patiently await to hear our sister chapters speak for themselves.

Yours fraternally,

*W. F. Taylor,*

*Chapter Historian.*

KAPPA ALPHA.

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## Epsilon.

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Washington and Lee University.

Meets every Saturday Night at 10 o'clock in Fraternity Hall.

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It is with a feeling of gratification that Epsilon extends greetings to her sister chapters, for during the past weeks we have come in contact with the fraternity, as a whole, more than ever before.

The occasion of installing Theta Chapter was one of felicity and mutual enjoyment. The fraternity is, indeed, to be congratulated on obtaining such men. V. M. I. offers to the world the finest specimens of physical and moral manhood, and we have the best she has. They are intelligent, refined, and handsome young men, and Epsilon, being so near, hopes that by mutual effort we may accomplish a great deal. At the installation of Theta Chapter there were present, besides Brothers Cooney and Phillips, of the Grand Chapter, Brothers Dickson and Snell, of



E. J. PITTMAN,  
STEWARD, '08, KAPPA ALPHA CHAPTER.

MENU.

BREAKFAST  
"Dew Drops."

DINNER  
"Chewing Gum."

SUPPER  
"Moonshine and Star Wafers."



HARRY D. TAFT,  
Full Back 1911.

MARTIN C. SOULE,  
1907 'Varsity Track Team,  
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

PERCY G. SCULL,  
Half Back Freshman Team.





Eta, and Brother Yancey, of Zeta. We enjoyed their visit exceedingly, and sincerely hope that more of our brothers will visit us in the near future.

Brother Streit was the guest of Eta Chapter several weeks ago, and reports an excellent time. A soiree was given in his honor, and "Bill" says that "those Virginia fellows do treat you right."

The "rushing" season is not over at Washington and Lee yet, and ere long we hope to have several new "goats." Washington and Lee is a strong fraternity centre, and, with so many fraternities and strong competitors, new men are not to be had at one's beck and call.

We wish to introduce to the fraternity our new brother,  
Redden W. Randell, Madison, Fla.

He is a promising young man and an honor to  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

Brother Phillips has been elected secretary of his class. We hope  $\Sigma \Phi E$  brothers will strive for honors in athletics as well as in school, as it helps to bring the fraternity into prominence.

Fraternally,

*E. N. Casey,*

EPSILON.

*Chapter Historian.*

## Zeta.

**Randolph-Macon College.**

Meets every Saturday at 9:45 P. M. in Fraternity Room, Hughes Building.

It is with pleasure that Zeta again grasps the opportunity of greeting all her sister chapters through the pages of THE JOURNAL. And to our new sister, Theta, do we especially extend a warm hand-shake. We feel that in this installation  $\Sigma \Phi E$  has made a valuable addition, and that in them there is a spirit of determination which will do much to forward the cause of the fraternity.

The base-ball season will soon open in earnest. We are somewhat more interested than usual in the progress of the

team, inasmuch as we will very probably have one of the pitchers on it. The material here is very good, and the coach expects to put out a winning team this season.

On the night of February 8th and part of the 9th (!) we initiated one of our pledges, and are now glad to introduce to the fraternity

Peter Hannon DeShazo, '10, Jebbs, Va.

as a brother in  $\Sigma \Phi E$ . We believe Brother DeShazo will make a good man for the fraternity.

Bro. Roscoe White has been elected to represent his society in a public debate to be held here in April. Brother White has a slick tongue, and we hope he will succeed in winning the judges to his side. We will also be represented in the commencement exercises by Brother Yancey, who has been chosen valedictorian of the Senior class, and who is also president of the Joint Celebration of the societies.

We are glad to have had the pleasure of a visit of late from Brothers Leatherbury, Edwards, and Wright, alumni of Delta, Zeta, and Alpha, respectively.

It is always a pleasure to meet with brothers, and to talk over the fraternity and its interests. Every brother, especially the alumni, should try to keep right up with the workings of the fraternity. Do not think when you leave college that your duty to your chapter is done; 'tis just begun, for it is then, more than ever, that you are in a position to do good. It is very essential in a growing fraternity like ours that every brother keep in close touch with his chapter. Visit them, encourage them, aid them in any way you can, ever striving to do anything which will put  $\Sigma \Phi E$  higher in the fraternity world. It is this spirit which has brought  $\Sigma \Phi E$  to where she stands to-day, and it is this spirit which will make her a still greater leader in the Greek world of to-morrow.

With best wishes for the success of every chapter, we remain,

Faternally,

*Clarence D. Johns,*

*Chapter Historian.*

ZETA.

## Lambda Alpha.

Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta, Ga.

Meets every Saturday Night at 8:30 o'clock, at 920 Austell Building.

ATLANTA, GA., Feb. 17, 1908.

After a very successful first term, Lambda Alpha extends her heartiest greetings to all brothers in  $\Sigma \Phi E$ . Our second term's work has just begun, and, although the student body, as a whole, has been greatly reduced in numbers by the semi-annual examinations, we are glad to say that we, for the most part, passed through safe, and are in better position than ever before to work for everything that pertains to the welfare of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ . On account of the competition of the numerous fraternities in school, and owing to the fact that we are very careful as to the men we get, the chapter has added only six new men this year. It is with great pleasure that we now introduce to the fraternity at large, all of whom, no doubt, will be true and earnest workers,

Ernest D. Ivey, Boston, Ga.

Fred. L. Ison, Atlanta, Ga.

Walter F. Cook, Jr., Columbus, Ga.

Brother Ivey, although the man from "Boston," is an accomplished gentleman of the first degree. He is a very graceful dancer, and at this time is making wonderful progress in the social world. His thoughts, however, wander away at times; he becomes silent, and we know he is thinking of some one who attends the oldest chartered female college in the world.

Brother Ison is a promising base-ball player, and we hope in him to have at least one representative on this year's team.

Brother Cook is not only one of the leaders of the class of '10, but has also acquired the degree of "Ladies' Man," and, owing to over-work in the above, has been unable to take an active part in college athletics.

In years gone by the students have tried several times to get out a college annual, but without success. This year the frater-



nities are behind the movement, and the work is being pushed forward. We predict great success for it, and expect to see the annual better each year.

The base-ball season is just opening, and we can hardly tell, as yet, what we will do in this line, but base-ball is the old stand-by at "Tech.," and, although the school lost a lot of good material recently, we expect, by the aid of Coach Heisman, to turn out a pennant-winning team, as usual.

Extending a cordial invitation to all brothers who may come to Atlanta, we are,

Fraternally,

*F. L. Lewis,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

LAMBDA ALPHA.

## Mu Alpha.

Delaware College.

Meets every Wednesday at 7:30 P. M., in Chapter House.

Mu Alpha takes great pleasure in greeting her sister chapters in this the first letter of the new year. Mid-year exams are over, and we all feel that we can rest a little easier for another four months, when the time for our final tests comes. Reports show that  $\Sigma \Phi E$  boys are not wasting any time in their work in College.

Mu Alpha is pleased to introduce to the fraternity at large our new brother,

Cantwell Clark.

Brother Clark was in college last year, but was compelled to drop out on account of bad health. He returned this year much improved, and we believe he will be a credit to  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

Brother Newman has been working hard with his basketball team this year, and has so far succeeded in gaining excellent results. Out of six games, we have won five, with a good score. Swarthmore beat us by a score of 26 to 17 on January 18th. We regretted very much to lose this game, on account of a tie last year, which we expected to break by winning. We feel proud

of Brother Newman that he is able to represent us in this particular line of athletics, since he is now captain of the team, and has been a 'Varsity man from his Freshman year.

We have ten men now living in our chapter house, and three pledges, whom we expect to initiate in a few weeks.

Brother Horn has been elected manager of the foot-ball team for next year, also assistant editor of the *College Review*. We feel that he is thoroughly capable of upholding  $\Sigma \Phi E$  in this line. Brother Horn has proven himself a favorite among the student body in many ways, and is a brother who is ever loyal to the motto of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

Brother Wilson, of this year's initiates, is another brother of whom we feel justly proud. He is president of the Freshman class, prominent in athletics, popular among the students, and promises to be both a help and credit to  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

This will be the last letter before the next Conclave, and, in conclusion, we wish to say in behalf of the brothers of Mu Alpha, who will be unable to attend, that no doubt it will be a thorough success, and great things should be accomplished.

Mu Alpha extends hearty wishes for the future success and advancement of all chapters of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

Faternally,

C. H. Coale,

*Chapter Historian.*

MU ALPHA.

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Eta.

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University of Virginia.

Meets every Saturday Night at 10 o'clock in the Fraternity Hall.

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In this letter we cannot announce the names of any new members of Eta Chapter, but we can say with much pleasure that another quarter of a year has shown a great increase of fraternal spirit, which we sadly needed. We want to work with that common aim of brotherly love, so that, when our college days are over, we can look back with pleasure on the happy fraternal associations at "old Virginia."

On Friday night, January 17th, we gave a "soiree" to prospective members, and had with us Brother Streit, of Epsilon, who was here with the basket-ball team from Washington and Lee, at Lexington, Va.

It has become the custom of Brother Snell, to make frequent visits to Baltimore—evidently to hold an examination in "calico" with some admirer of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

Brother Aull has "made good" in the Arcadians, the dramatic club of the University of Virginia. He makes a very graceful "chorus man," and we hope that on the tour of the Arcadians some of the brothers may have the pleasure of seeing him at and "after the show."

Brothers Marshall, Tillman, and Maxwell are frequent visitors to our meetings, and the advice of these older and wiser brothers is proving to be the spur needed to urge the work of the chapter on.

This year we have worked under the difficulty of being separated, but next fall we expect to be together and have a chapter house. We also expect to have some transfers next year, and we will be glad to give information to any of the brothers that are thinking of coming to Virginia.

January 25th marks the laying of another stone in the building of greater  $\Sigma \Phi E$  at the Virginia Military Institute. Brothers Dixon and Snell, of Eta, assisted in the installation, and both returned with the enthusiasm of approval. May the members of Theta Chapter be inspired to labor in their sphere for the actualization of the high ideals of life, and pave the way for greater achievements for  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

Fraternally,

*P. H. Gaskin,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

ETA.



THOMAS V. McCAUL,  
Winner Debater's Medal, Jefferson Debating Society,  
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.





## Nu Alpha.

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University of Arkansas.

Meets every Saturday Night at Hall in Wolf Building.

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### *To All in Sigma Phi Epsilon—Greetings:*

Since our last letter the trial of the new rushing regulations at the University has been made, and we find them to be very good. As matters now stand, no student may be pledged until at least fifteen hours of Freshman work has been passed on for one term in residence, or, if above Freshman, fifteen hours in the class to which student belongs. We find that this regulation limits the number of men initiated by each fraternity, but raises the standard of membership very materially. We are glad to report that Nu Alpha secured every man that she elected, and wish to introduce

Samuel William Moore, Fayetteville, Ark.

Alvin Forrest Bills, Sulphur Springs, Ark.

Brother Moore is a Senior and Brother Bills a Freshman. We also initiated an alumnus of Alpha Zeta Phi,

Charles Theodore Treadway, Little Rock, Ark.

Brother Treadway is a graduate of Class 1901, and vice-president of the Treadway Electrical Company, of the capital city. Before our next letter we expect to initiate a number of old Alpha Zeta Phi men, and when the full membership of that local is taken in we will be very strong in Arkansas.

Examinations are just over, and all our men made good grades, thus demonstrating the ideal of an average man.

The political bee has stung Brother Jones, and he is in the race for representative from Pulaski county, with good prospects of success. Brother Goodner is our delegate to Chicago, with Brother Jones as alternate.

Materially Nu Alpha is doing well, and we think that her membership compares favorably with any fraternity in school. Our motto is not "quantity," but "quality."

We wish all our sister chapters success, and we hope to be bound closer to them through our delegate at the coming Conclave. We trust that all our problems will be solved, and that greater plans will be made for  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

Faternally,

*J. W. Baxter,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

NU ALPHA.

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## Delta Epsilon.

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Lehigh University.

Meets every Friday Evening at Fraternity House, 704 Dakota Street.

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Once again Delta Epsilon wishes to figuratively grasp the hand of every brother in  $\Sigma \Phi E$ , through the medium of THE JOURNAL. Thanks are certainly due to our good Brother Phillips for his untiring efforts to promote THE JOURNAL, and we fully realize how strong a link THE JOURNAL is in the chain that binds us together.

We have just passed through the trying ordeal of final examinations, and we are all taking deep breaths of relief now that they are over, and we are fairly launched into the second term. General Sherman gave war an epithet which implied a rather shady reputation, but he never took examinations at Lehigh.

On December 13th an initiation was held, when

Robert B. Swope, '10, Harrisburg, Pa.,  
Jeremy Fisher, '11, Lewiston, Me.,  
Franklin Fisher, '11, Lewiston, Me.,  
Harry Dunston, '11, Carbondale, Pa.,  
Alfred Priestley, '11, Chicopee, Mass.,  
Louis R. P. Reese, '11, Glynden, Md.,  
Howard F. Dech, '09, Bethlehem, Pa.,

were brought into close and intimate contact with the  $\Sigma \Phi E$  goat. We were all pleased to have with us at that time Brother Schwartz, '05, who helped hold the goat. After the serious part

of the evening had been disposed of, we did ample justice to a "spread," and "King Fellowship" reigned supreme until the wee small hours.

We are glad to report that Brother Hesser, who was forced to leave college last year, on account of sickness, has returned, and is wearing the same glad smile. He was initiated into the fraternity on February 7th.

The 'Varsity basket-ball team gives all indication of being a winning team. Up to date Albright, Villa Nova, and Swarthmore have gone down to defeat before it.

Brother L. C. D. Greenough has been honored by being selected a contestant in the Junior Oratorical Contest, which is a part of our Washington's Birthday exercises.

Brother Loper has been elected our delegate to the next Conclave. He is a hard, earnest worker for Delta Epsilon, and we feel very safe in leaving the interests of the chapter in his hands.

There seems to be an epidemic among the Seniors of Delta Epsilon, judging from the loss of pins, but, as the undersigned is threatened with violent death if he discloses any names, he refrains from doing so. Do not accuse him of cowardice, but rather agree with him that his mission in life is not fully accomplished.

Before the next JOURNAL appears, spring will be upon us once more, and another college year will be almost over. Time does not lag for any busy man, and, as we realize how soon our close fraternal relations will be severed, let us all determine to do more and more each day for the chapter and for the fraternity.

Fraternally,

*Charles H. Poole,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

DELTA EPSILON.



## Theta.

### Virginia Military Institute.

*To our Sister Chapters of Sigma Phi Epsilon—Greetings:*

Theta Chapter feels honored in sending for the first time her greeting to the fraternity. This chapter was chartered on January 25, 1908, and consists of the following members:

E. H. Hancock, Lynchburg, Va.

S. E. Brown, Richmond, Va.

C. E. Hunter, Lynchburg, Va.

R. B. Dunbar, Augusta, Ky.

J. G. Engleman, Lexington, Va.

J. Q. Pierce, St. Johns, Mich.

H. G. Dashiell, Smithfield, Va.

P. X. English, Richmond, Va.

T. G. Peyton, Richmond, Va.

C. C. Brown St. Louis, Mo.

R. T. Hopkins, Nashville, Tenn.

L. T. Gerow, Petersburg, Va.

This chapter is enjoying much success in spite of the anti-fraternity sentiment in the graduating class, and hopes soon to have one of the largest and most select memberships to be found in a school of this size.

Right here I would like to address a word to my brothers. This school is invaded by the "non-frat." sentiment, so prevalent at the present time. We need the support of our brothers in all ways possible, at least until this feeling passes, as I feel it will in the course of time.

Now, if any brother is contemplating a course in any technical school, this chapter recommends this school, and tenders a most cordial invitation to any  $\Sigma \Phi E$ . The courses here are excellent in the civil, electrical, and chemical departments. As to the military organization, West Point recommends the school as second only to itself. School spirit is



E. H. HANCOCK, Centre.

R. B. DUNBAR, Guard.

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE.



excellent. It is the constant remark of visitors that they have never seen a body of men so zealous for the welfare of their *alma mater*.

In athletics the outlook for next year is not as bright as we would like. In foot-ball, unless we get some good new material, we will be weaker than this year. In base-ball we will need a new pitcher. The outlook for this year's team is bright.

I have tried to give in this letter some idea of the conditions here in regard to fraternities, and also to put in a good word for the school.

Hoping that this may come to hands that it will benefit, we are,

Fraternally,

*J. Q. Pierce,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

THETA.

## Theta Gamma.

Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Meets every Sunday Afternoon at Chapter House, at 131 West Eighth Avenue.

It is with great pleasure that we make ourselves known to our sister chapters of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  in our first letter to THE JOURNAL, and we recognize the honor of being one of the chapters of a fraternity which stands for so much.

Theta Gamma Chapter was born on the night of January 31st, between the hours of 9 P. M. and 3 A. M., a night which will not soon be forgotten by those who participated. We had the honor of being installed into the mysteries of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  by Grand President N. R. Cooney, who was assisted by Brothers Gramm, White, Holcomb, Bryant, Dickerson, Sherrick, McGlott, Freeman, and Brenner, of Theta Alpha Chapter, and Overhuls, of Theta Beta.

The Ritual created a profound impression on the brothers, and all realized the sacred obligations which it imposed upon them to carry out.



Theta Gamma at present is composed of twelve brothers, all charter members. However, the goat is getting restless, and may be untied at almost any time.

The members are as follows, the first six being officers:

Paul G. Armstrong, '08, transferred from  
Gamma Beta, St. Clairsville, Ohio.

Robert L. Tavener, '08, Springfield, Ohio.

Harry P. Pruner, '08, Dayton, Ohio.

Stanley S. Hart, '09, West Alexandria, Ohio.

H. G. Carpenter, '10, Sidney, Australia.

Arthur L. Sperry, '08, Ashley, Ohio.

Frank B. Shuler, '08, Hamilton, Ohio.

Ernest L. Davis, '11, Springfield, Ohio.

L. E. Kellman, '09, Barbadoes, W. I.

H. A. Shuler, '11, Hamilton, Ohio.

Clyde L. Miller, '10, Pemberton, Ohio.

L. B. Foster, '09, Navarre, Ohio, transferred  
from Theta Alpha.

On account of the short time in which to get this letter in the next issue of THE JOURNAL, we shall have to postpone further details until a later time, but we hope to come in closer relation with our sister chapters in the near future.

We extend a cordial invitation to any of our brothers, who may happen to be in Columbus, to pay us a visit.

With best wishes to all our sister chapters of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ , we are,  
Fraternally yours,

*A. L. Sperry,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

THETA GAMMA.



ANCIENT TREE  
COLUMBUS

UNIVERSITY SPRING, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.





## Editorials.

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### The 1908 Conclave.

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We wish to make the usual anti-Conclave reminder. Be on hand, and be there prepared to get results.

The affairs of the fraternity have been placed in such shape that extensive, radical legislation is no longer necessary, and the social feature of the Conclave should play an important part in the future.

The first session will be called to order at 9 A. M., April 20th, at the Great Northern Hotel. The banquet will be held on the night of the last day of the Conclave. The cost per plate for the banquet will be two dollars. All who expect to attend will confer a favor by advising Brother I. E. Hoffman, 352 Warren avenue, Chicago, Ill., as soon as possible.

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WE are very much gratified with the improved conditions in regard to the sending in of chapter letters and JOURNAL subscriptions. Only a few chapters have shown any laxity in either respect this session. The cost of publishing THE JOURNAL this year will be quite some in excess of the subscriptions received, and it is earnestly requested that all delinquent chapters pay at once, as it will be necessary to have an appropriation from the Grand Chapter to make up this deficiency, and, if all subscriptions are not in, an accurate report, upon which this appropriation will be asked for, cannot be presented at the Conclave.



THE Charter Committee wishes to announce the granting of charters to Virginia Military Institute, Ohio State University, and Norwich University.

Accounts of the installation of the first two appear elsewhere in THE JOURNAL. The installation of the latter, which institution is located at Northfield, Vermont, will take place about the middle of March.

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WE have on file several good articles, but do not, at this time, feel justified in printing them. They have been given attention, and we hope to be able to use them in the May issue.

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ALL articles and chapter letters for the May issue should be in the editor's hands not later than April 10th. Chapter Historians will please take note of this date.

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## The Sorority Hand-Book.

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S. K. PHILLIPS.

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We are glad to call the attention of our brothers to a very interesting and much-needed little book, which has recently been published in revised form in the second edition.

The book is written by Ida Shaw Martin, B. A., and deals with sorority life in its various phases. We think that more time could have been spent upon the book with profit to it; but we also understand that the demand was urgent for it, and that the author says she had little time for its revision, owing to her short contract with the printer.

The style is attractive and entertaining, and the subject matter is worthy of attention. The author sets forth the place of sorority life in our college life; shows its evolution and its position alongside the fraternity. She answers the objections raised against sororities in a fair manner, and could, we think, have profitably spent more space upon this phase of the book.

On the whole, however, we feel that the author has done a

good service in the interests of this widely-spreading phase of higher education for women, and wish to extend our congratulations.

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WE desire also to call the attention of our readers to an address delivered by Clarence F. Birdseye, at the first general session of The Fifth Convention of the Religious Education Association, held at Washington on February 11th. Mr. Birdseye is a gentleman who has studied college life carefully and knows its every phase. He is the author of "Individual Training in Our Colleges," a book which has received widespread recognition and high commendation from men noted in Christian education for young men.

In the address in question Mr. Birdseye probably gives expression to the latest thought upon the Greek Letter fraternity. He speaks with authority, and we recommend the address to every fraternity man.

He says, and truly we think, "Fraternities are logical growths—not inherent evils; they are the line of least resistance and of most promise." They tend to supply the demand of the college man for family life, through their chapter houses. He sees the important place that the fraternity holds in this sphere of college life.

We are also glad to hear this clear note from Mr. Birdseye in regard to the High School fraternity :

"It is unfortunate at this time, when we need to think clearly upon the true meaning of the college home, that the question should be complicated by the High School fraternities, which are merely one of the pseudo growths that accompany all social or religious movements, and which bear the same relation to the college fraternity that Mormonism does to Christianity."

Fraternity men need to be thinking along these lines, and finding out just what their particular chapters are doing for the home life of their members. Are they striving to approximate the life of a real healthful home, from which come men of character; or are they, by the reverse process, only complicating the question?

# The Greek Press.

CLYDE VER BECK.

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THE following exchanges have been received: *Beta Theta Pi* for January; *The Record*, of  $\Sigma$  A E, for December; *The Journal*, of K A, for December; *The Frater*, of  $\Psi$   $\Omega$ , for January.

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MANY thinkers of the Greek world are discussing the recent issue by A X P of a Constitution and of its "Esoteric Manual for the Instruction of Postulants." A lengthy discussion of both is found in the January number of *Beta Theta Pi*.

"A X P is a young fraternity, as is our own, and there are still many lessons to be learned by each of us. Because of our common age, we feel at liberty to speak of a few salient points found in the government of our sister fraternity.

"One clause declares that no person may resign or voluntarily withdraw from the society. If he attempts to do so, he is expelled. A X P may see the efficiency of this regulation, but we cannot. It would seem to be a case of 'sour grapes,' for a man who has once turned his back on his fraternity cares not what action is taken concerning his withdrawal.

"The society issues two magazines—*The Garnet and White*, the official journal, and *The Labaram*, a semi-secret publication. Among their officers is one named the 'Grand Instructor,' whose duty it is to instruct postulants or pledges and members in the principles, history, and policy of the fraternity.

"No proxy voting is allowed at their National Conventions, and another clause says, 'No member of the National Convention is bound by any action of his chapter, but is responsible only to the fraternity and to the National Convention.' To our mind, there is much room for debate on this subject. An uninstructed delegation sometimes unconsciously works much harm to the fraternity's interests. ✓

"A commendable provision found in the code is the following:

"No hazing or mock ceremony shall be associated with the

formal initiation of postulants of the fraternity, either before, after, or at the time of said initiation.'

"The founders and directors of A X P have placed before the members of the organization an excellent series of precepts, which should be followed by all fraternity men. The insistence upon morality is an especially strong point. But, in doing so, the author, or authors, of the statements have found it necessary to speak of sister fraternities in a somewhat disrespectful, if not 'holier than thou' manner, which is not at all pleasing to Greek men, and which costs the argument much of its force."

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PLEADING for a renewal of the fight by fraternity men in South Carolina against the anti-fraternity legislation being taken by educational institutions of that State, a writer in the December number of the *Kappa Alpha Journal* gives a brief history of the fraternity movement in the Palmetto State.

The author writes in a somewhat bitter vein of the manner in which the fraternity chapters relinquished their hold on existence at the first command of the college faculties. He urges that it is much easier to prevent anti-fraternity legislation than it is to repeal an action already taken, and sounds the call for action on this battle-ground.

Inasmuch as Σ Φ Ε has also suffered from this "barbarian" sentiment, the fraternity, as a whole, will welcome any movement having in view the remedy of this evil, and will support any plan which K A or any other sister fraternity may suggest to accomplish this end.

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To secure the adoption of a button similar to that worn by members of secret and fraternal orders is the object of an article which appears in the December number of the *Kappa Alpha Journal*. Although it is hardly probable that a Σ Φ Ε requires this method of recognition of his brothers, a study of the arguments advanced by the K A writer is not uninteresting.

In part, the article is as follows :



"It is a matter of common knowledge among all fraternities that, whatever the reason may be, the alumni do not follow their college custom of wearing their pins. And the reason which is usually suggested is, perhaps, the real reason of it all—the fact that fraternity pins are considered merely as part of the equipment of the college man which he should discard when he has put aside college things.

"As lamentable as this may be, from a standpoint of fraternity loyalty, it is still more deplorable from a practical standpoint, for in the present state of affairs the alumni have no way of making themselves known to their fraternity brothers, active and alumni. It cannot be expected that every man shall know the name of every other man in the fraternity, nor can it be hoped that there will ever be any way of telling a K A by looking at him, if, in a fraternity way, he is in *puris naturalibus*.

"Surely there should be some way by which members of the fraternity may make themselves known, especially when traveling in strange cities and places. The experience of the writer leads him to suggest that a K A *button* will be a very strong factor in bringing about wider affiliation among members of the fraternity.

"It is not at all unusual for men out of college to wear buttons, as they do in the various fraternal and secret orders. Many a man would wear a K A button who would not wear a pin, just because he does not wish to be considered 'collegeish,' if that term may be permitted here.

"Why, then, should we not have a button of simple design, without the ostentatious glitter and glare of the average fraternity pin, a plain 'quiet' button, something on the order of a Shriner's pin? If the college men in college have fraternity pins, why should not the alumni out of college have buttons? The analogy is more practical in that fashion."

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IN the columns of the January *Beta Theta Pi* is found an article which is productive of much thought. It is entitled "A

Trust of Fraternities," and is the toast given by Charles N. Filson at the installation of Delta Alpha Chapter of  $\Sigma$  N.

The choice of the title for this toast may be just a little unfortunate, as the term "trust" is held in somewhat of disrepute in these days among the thinking college men; but the address itself is full of helpful suggestions, many of which can well be utilized by  $\Sigma \Phi E$ . In part, the toast is as follows:

"The magnitude as well as the multitude of combinations with which we daily come in contact, and which to no little extent are shaping the policy of our commercial, political, and ethical worlds, at once stamp this as the age of trusts, and, for emphasis, I reiterate that my plan is simply to direct the fraternities into the current of modern thought and action.

"Doubtless the objections of many to this proposition would be based upon their observations of the workings of the trusts, which too often display the spirit of selfishness and of avarice, yet I submit for your consideration a well-known fact—namely, that theoretically the purposes of the trust are beneficent. That their practice is a wide departure from the ideal is evident, nevertheless monopoly is simply a misdirection of trust energies, and explains why the practice and the ideal fail to harmonize.

"Assuming the correctness of this premise, I shall proceed to unfold my plans for union, understanding, of course, that the motive of such plan must be of sufficient importance to justify the time, expense, and devotion required to consummate it. Recognizing this, I place before you a general proposition, which, in our estimation, would fully justify the union.

"Proposition—The same association and fellowship should exist between our national fraternities that exist between individuals of the same fraternity.

"Our national fraternities are not closely enough allied to each other, and consequently miss the advantages accruing from a vital, living union with such a motive. Separately, we make but a faint impression on our day; united, we could wield an unlimited influence, which, exercised prudently, would vastly

increase our usefulness, promote our individual interests, and enable the Greek fraternity the better to complete its mission.

"Fraternalism is a partnership affair. What affects one fraternity is of vital interest to the rest. To-night one fraternity weeps; eventually we must help to share its burden. Another laughs, and we laugh.

"But I shall refrain from further generalization, and specialize, in order that we may have a practical demonstration of its utility.

"I am frank to admit that when we would apply this plan to our alumni, to the men who are out in the broad field of versatile endeavor, we are confronted with serious problems, the solution or outcome of which are so doubtful as to justify skepticism; yet I believe that here we may discern its advantages, and I invite your thought to a few suggestions which may prove its practicability:

"(1) The interchange of professional business between fraternity men.

"(2) To encourage and support, morally and financially, the business enterprises of our men.

"(3) To conserve and teach, both by precept and example, the spirit of chivalry.

"(4) To support, by honorable means, those of our number who aspire to public offices for the public welfare."

The speaker then told of the direct benefits which, in his belief, would accrue to the local chapters from a combination or closer affiliation of the national organizations. He believes that it would aid in the selection of fraternity men. He advances three rules for this purpose: (1) No fraternity should receive into its membership any man under six months' residence as a student; (2) no fraternity should receive into its membership any man under the freshman year or under the age of eighteen; (3) that a committee composed of the representative men from all the chapters should decide what men are eligible for the fraternity and to what fraternity.



Well and good! But we predict that the adoption of the last rule in these days of competition would give us local Pan-Hellenic councils which would rival the Peace Conference at The Hague in inconsistency and inconstancy. But this was realized by the speaker, who said: "Under the present *regime* the possibility of such concerted action is so remote as to be even undreamable; backed by all fraternities, its immediate inauguration is at least conceivable."

The toast continues:

"Once again, a laudable object of such a union would be to secure proper treatment for the 'barbarians.' The greatest problem that we are confronted with to-day is the 'barbarian.' Our greatest enemy is the 'barbarian.' If Charles I. had his Cromwell, the Greek fraternities have their 'barbarians.' To be just, I am compelled to say that the fraternities too often ignore this less fortunate element. Our aristocratic tendencies, our policy of exclusion, and, generally, our complete control and manipulation of athletics and literary activities, are conducive to 'barbarian' opposition and dislike. Gentlemen, with the increased number of students in our colleges and universities, we can no longer afford to ignore the non-fraternity men. They represent more power than ever before; they are more numerous; they have lost none of their aggressiveness, nor do they lack for able and capable leaders. Believe it or not, it is my deep-seated impression that our influence, power, and extension depend to no great extent upon giving up a reasonable share of the palatable things of college life. Believing, further, that selfishness works ultimate ruin, I have no hesitancy in advocating that the 'barbarians' should be given their share of the spoils in athletics, literary, and social activities. The adoption of such a policy toward the 'barbarians' would encourage and hold their friendship, foster a better growth of the fraternities internally, and win for us more prestige and sympathy than anything we might do.

"In conclusion, gentlemen, the dream of philosophers, the beatific vision of past ages, as well as the hope of the present generation, is the dawning of that glorious day when all men



shall be eligible to fraternities; and this plan, which encourages happy relations between fraternities, the cultivation of their sympathies, and which extols the spirit of unselfishness, would, if adopted, mightily aid in the ushering in of that decade when the idea of fraternalism shall be co-extensive with the race."

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### Notes of the Greek World.

Sigma Phi Epsilon is indebted to *Beta Theta Pi* for a defence of our claim to having maintained a publication at an earlier stage of our existence than any other fraternity. The statement is in this form: "It is stated in a foot-note (of A X P literature) that A X P was the first fraternity to maintain a publication during its first decade. This is an error. The now dead fraternity of  $\Phi \Theta \Psi$ , organized in 1885, issued a journal called *The Crown* in 1893, 1894, and 1895.  $\Sigma \Phi E$ , organized in 1901, began to issue a journal in March, 1904, in its third year. A X P began in its fifth year.

A mild contest is being waged between the  $\Phi K \Psi$  *Shield* and the *Beta Theta Pi* as to which organization can claim the most members who are entered in "Who's Who in America." The former bravely backed its claims to distinction with a list of 263 names, but the Betas have come to the front with 275. Who's next?

The following extensions of national fraternities have been made recently: A X P, University of Colorado;  $\Theta X$ , University of Maine;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , Iowa State College;  $\Delta \Gamma$  and A O II, University of California.

The first attempt at journalism by an honorary fraternity will be in the form of a quarterly magazine, called *The Bent*, which will soon be issued by T B II, the honorary engineering society.

Veterinary students in the University of Pennsylvania have

organized a new fraternity, which they call  $\Omega$  T  $\Sigma$ . They expect to make a national organization of it.

A new fraternity, organized in 1904, at the College of Charleston, is called  $\Pi$  K  $\Phi$ . A second chapter has been established at the Presbyterian College of South Carolina.

Greeks at the University of Mississippi are expecting a fight in the Legislature of that State.

*The Star and Crescent*, of K  $\Sigma$ , has been displaced by *The Caduceus*, which will be published ten times a year.



## Alumni Notes.

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Harry Brenner, Theta Alpha, '05, has been elected president of his Law Alumni Association.

T. T. Wright, Alpha, has left Arkansas City, and is now located at Luna Landing, Arkansas.

Ralph Russell, Eta, is studying medicine at the College of Medicine and Surgery, Atlanta, Ga.

H. H. Towler, Delta Beta, has been promoted to assistant surgeon at the Robert Packer Hospital, Sayre, Pa.

G. S. Hagerman, Theta Alpha, who was in Denver for about a year, has returned to Leipsic, Ohio, his home town.

Brother Harvey E. Murdock and Miss Ina I. Brown were united in marriage December 25th, 1907, at Lyons, Ind.

Lynn Boyett, Theta Alpha, is with the Government in the Maintenance of Water Ways Department, at Bowling Green, Ohio.

Bro. Roger D. Knight and Miss Nellie Hoop were married June 6, 1907, at Denver, and now reside at No. 235 Sherman avenue.

V. E. Bonelli, M. D., and D. Curley Ross, M. D., Delta Beta, are now internes at the Frankfort Hospital, Philadelphia, and H. M. Scholl, M. D., Delta Beta, is at the St. Agnes Hospital.

E. G. MacAdams, '06, Epsilon Alpha, has returned from an extended trip through Utah, Nevada, and Montana, having visited that portion of the country with a view of opening a law office.

Luke H. Sperry, Epsilon Alpha, is with the Du Pont Powder Company, of Wilmington, Delaware, and is at present stationed at South Tacoma, Wash. Sperry recently took unto himself a wife.

F. J. Knauss, Epsilon Alpha, during the last General Assembly of the State of Colorado, received the appointment as attorney for the Judiciary Committee, and, after the session, was appointed by the Secretary of State to edit the laws passed by the General Assembly. He is practicing law in Denver, and is secretary and treasurer of the alumni of Epsilon Alpha Chapter.

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